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FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8443

INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

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SUBJ: PEKING REFUSES TO RECOGNIZE PRO-ALLENDE AMBASSADOR

SUMMARY: THE PRC HAS APPARENTLY MOVED TO OUST THE CHILEAN
AMBASSADOR TO PEKING WHO ANNOUNCED HIS OPPOSITION TO THE
JUNTA.

END SUMMARY

1. HONG KONG PRESS TODAY CARRIES OCT 11 RUETERS DISPATCH
FROM PEKING QUOTING CHILEAN SOURCES AS SAYING AMBASSADOR
ARMANDO URIBE WAS CALLED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY LAST NIGHT
AND TOLD HE WAS NO LONGER CONSIDERED TO BE CHILE'S AMBASSADOR
TO CHINA. A CEREMONY OF CONDOLENCE AT THE EMBASSY TO BE HELD
ON OCT 11 (ONE-MONTH ANNIVERSARY OF ALLENDE'S DEATH) WAS ALSO
CANCELLED. MOSCOW RADIO (OCT 8) AND HANOI RADIO (OCT 9)
CARRIED PORTIONS OF AMBASSADOR URIBE'S OCT 1 PRESS CONFERENCE
IN PEKING IN WHICH HE IS SAID TO HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT THE
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EMBASSY WOULD "CONTINUE TO REPRESENT THE SOLE LAWFUL CHILEAN

MISSION TO THE PRC," ACCUSED THE US OF COMPLICITY, AND CLAIMED RESISTANCE AGAINST THE JUNTA WAS BECOMING ORGANIZED WITH A PROVISIONAL SECRETARIAT SET UP IN ROME ON SEPT 18. PRC MEDIA HAVE NOT REPORTED ANY OF THE ABOVE.

2. COMMENT: MOSCOW HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO EXPLOIT CHINA'S CONTINUED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE JUNTA IN CHILE DESPITE BREAKS BY MOST OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES; THE SOVIETS CLEARLY HOPE TO EVEN THE SCORE FOR CHINESE ATTACKS ON THEIR CONTINUED RELATIONS WITH THE LON NOL GOVERNMENT IN CAMBODIA. THE DEFECTION OF THE CHILEAN AMBASSADOR IN PEKING WAS MADE TO ORDER FOR EMBARRASSING THE CHINESE AND SOVIET PROPAGANDISTS CAN BE EXPECTED TO EXPLOIT IT TO THE FULLEST. AT THE SAME TIME, IF THE CHINESE HAVE INDEED DECIDED TO LIFT AMBASSADOR URIBE'S CREDENTIALS,

THERE SEEMS LITTLE DOUBT THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE THEIR TIES WITH SANTIAGO.
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